and one NRI, based in United States, working as sourcing consultant;

(b) whether Government had rec eived any reports from vigilance sources about the involvement of top Semiconductor Complex Limited functionaries in these financial mis demeanours and corrupt practics and what are the comments of the DOE on these findings-

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(c) whether after the sack of the previous CMD, new procedural norms for purchase were enforced by DOE and Vigilance Wing and whe ther the present incumbent has been violating these with impunity; and

(d) whether any MoU has been signed between SCL and one Diver gent Technologies of USA for rev amping the SCL. complex and if so, what are the credentials and tech nical capabilities Of "the latter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENTS OF ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Complaints have been received against the Chairman & Managing Dir-sector. Semiconductor Complex Ltd. (SCL), Mohalj. alleging the involvement with a NRI based in the USA. The allegations are under verification,

(b) Yes, Sir. A report received team the Chief Vigilance Officer of rhe company i-- bring examined.

(c) The Department of Electronics has not prescribed purchase procedure to the SCL.

(d) No MoU has been signed between the SCL and Divergent Technologies of USA for revamping the SCL Complex. However, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has bepn offered into by both [4]he partSes \v September. 1993 for acquiring multi-media capabilities by the **SCL** and for marketing VLSU| ASICS products in the USA.

Bomb blast in Jammu

1383. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of persons killed in the bomb blast in a bus at Jammu in the first week of Decem ber and what relief has been given to next tt> kin of killed and injured by Government; and

(b) what are the details and na tionality of persons arrested jn con nection with the blast?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): fa) and (b) No such incident took place in Jammu during the first week of December '94. However, on 28.11-1991, an explosion took place in a passenger bus going from Jammu to Katra, in which 10 persons were killed and 44 were injured. On 30th November, blast occurred in anchor bus travelling to Jammu from Krathua, in which 15 persons were injured.

Ex-gratia relief of Rs. 1 lakh each , was announced by the State Government in respect of persons who were killed. and Rs. 5,000|. for those wro were injured.

Efforts are on to trace the culprits behind the&e bomb blasts.

Militant? in custody in Jautmn and Kashmir

1384. SHRI KRTSHAN LAL SHABMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be t>1 eased ro state:

fa) the number of militants operating in the State of Janwnu and Kashmir taken into custody during